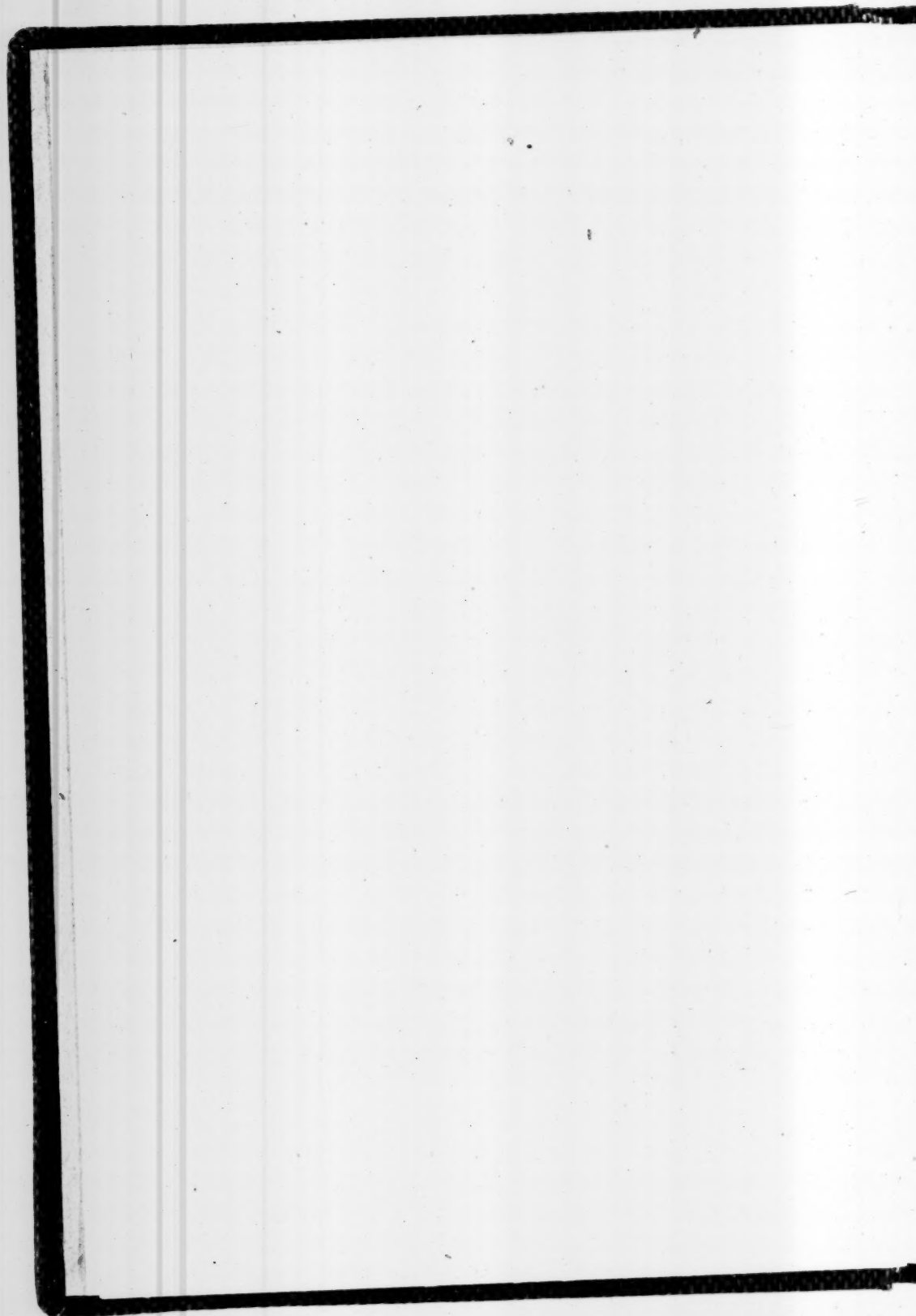


# PLATOES Cap.

Cast at this Yeare 1604,  
*being Leape-yeere.*



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¶ To all those that are laxa-  
*tive of Laughter.*



Gentlemen, I put off *Platoes* Cap  
to you, and keepe on mine  
owne, after the French fashi-  
on, for your true French-  
man seldome daffs his Hatte  
(but vpon large Compoliti-  
on) for feare of dismembring his Hayre, and  
to speake truth, he that useth that and other  
thinges, shall loose much haire by the yeere,  
I assure you: I would fayne haue you merry,  
because your Commons are thin this Lent,  
and scarce so thicke as a good Leg of Mur-  
ton: your Oyster-Pie is your onely Reueller  
now, and domineers in all Ordinaries, vsur-  
ping the place of higher, and more ambitious  
Bake-meats: and if your complexions be not  
too rugged and boysterous, your browes  
too full of *Saturne*, that sullen Planet that ne-  
uer laughes in a whole Tweluemonth toge-  
ther, neither at *Mercuries* wittie shifts, nor at  
*Vulcans* Salingers Round dancing with nimble

*To the Reader.*

ble *Venus*, till all the States smile at him, if  
your Glances be not too full of yron-moulds,  
I presume you will fling one smile at our  
button-Cap, and I wish no higher :

For

*A smile is constant and doth gild each Smile:  
But laughter is the Foole of euerie smile.*

The wonders we entreat of here haue little  
harme in them, you may take more hurt in a  
Barbers shop, if you sit there fasting, than all  
my prognosticating Comedie, or comicke  
Prognostication aymes at, and if these Euent  
chaunce to happen, they will bee but merrie  
ones, for they wish ill to none, but to those that  
wish ill to themselves, and none can iustly ex-  
cept at this, but those that cannot well read  
it, for there is great difference betweene rea-  
ding and reading wel, for those that read wel  
haue a good tongue of their owne, and spoile  
nothing in the spelling, and to such I cast vp  
my Cap, both in Paules-churchyard, Popes-  
head Alley, and at Temple-barre.

*Yours for a Raynie day.*

*Adam Euesdropper.*





*In praise of the Booke.*

This course then I tooke,  
To commend the Booke,  
But not meddle with the writers  
And because his Art  
Is so pretty and tart,  
And his inke so well fauourd,  
I sweare by my simples,  
A Nose full of pimples  
Is verie ill fauourd:  
For so he doth prognosticate, and shoves  
A white flaxe beard wafts with a fierie Nose.  
See where he comes, I dare not stay, I flye:  
So:  
All Enuies poyson goe with *Mercurie*.

*The same Hand againe.*



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**T**he Revolution of  
this present Yeere  
1604, takes his be-  
ginning, at what  
time the Sun en-  
ters into the first  
minute of Aries,  
when many a scold

shall be found in Ramme-Alley, whose  
tongues will neuer linne tangling, untill  
the Sunne enter into another Signe,  
as the Wyter, or rather some bow-  
zing Tape-house, where they must all  
drinke themselves friends againe, till they  
are able to speak no more than a Drownd

B

Bat,

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Kat, and then by that time, I hope they will be quiet.

Next I find, that the Sunne entering into Taurus, it will bee exceeding good this yeere for the Butchers both in Southwarke, Eastcheape, and Saint Nicholas Shambles, for hee takes his entrance iust vpon Easter Tuesday, to the deposing of Lent, and the ouerthrow of salt Sammon, and fresh Cod, and to the restoring againe of Heroick valiant Beefe, that ancient and sirly Courtier, that neuer appeares without a melle of Mustard his Gentleman-vlber bareheaded before him: Red Herring may goe hange himselfe then for a Tweluemonth vppon the rusty beame of some Farmers chimney, vntill the hungry Ploughboyes cut him downe and quarter him: for Oliuer Offall the Butcher will bee fatte and flourish, and Gregorie Gizzern the Poulter will bring forth his Prozenies of Partridges, Plovers, and Blackebirds, and what a pitifull sight it will bee for poore Wayters and Trencher-bearers to see wise men their Maisters feed vpon Woodcockes.

From

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From thence the Sunne trauailes  
into Gemini, not into Germanie, (as some  
Mechanike-readers will read Germa-  
nie for Gemini) and then Mayds beware  
of two at once, or two at a Birth, if you  
loue to preserue your owne Credits, but  
you especially this double signe threatnes  
most, that liue in Marchants houses  
amongst wanton Springals your fel-  
low-seruants, and are at midnight at the  
massacre, and lacking of a Posset, when  
your sober Master and continent Mistres  
are in their first sleepe, and little dreame  
of your Sinamon and Sugar, which  
are alwayes the two sweete Presenters  
of a Sack-Posset, the Seecane being layd  
in a Bowle, or a Bason, and the Actozs  
some halfe a dozen of siluer Spooones,  
which seldome are out of their parts,  
vntill all bee eaten: there is much perill  
and danger in this Signe, you Damo-  
sels of seauenteene, and one and Twen-  
tie: therefore if I might counsell you, you  
should bee your owne Potheccaries, and  
preserue your honesties better than War-  
beries: Goe to bed presently after your  
Master and Mistresse, saue candles and

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Caudles, sleepe alone without Compa-  
nie till you rise againe, and if there bee  
any hurt in this fortie weekes after, no-  
uer trust mee againe for an Almanack-  
maker.

But when the Sunne rides a pro-  
gresse into Cancer, woe bee to you that  
dwell in crooked Lane, and sell Shoo-  
inghorns, for you shall take no monney  
of those that haue kibde heeles, for the  
skinne being off, they will rather goe to  
the Skinners, and buy them a furre,  
if they bee wise, than hold by the horne  
while their browes runne all of a wa-  
ter. In this crabbed Signe Cancer,  
butterd Crabbes will bee good meate,  
if you haue monney ynough, and a ve-  
rie wholesome dish that can bee, if you  
bee sound when you eat them.

After this the Sunne takes a Lions  
stride, and stalkes into Leo, and then  
there will bee moze Lions in the Tow-  
er, than those that are scene for a pennie:  
In this Signe there will start vp many  
falle and counterfeit Corners that will  
stampe so long, till they stare at the Gal-  
lowes: many Prisoners and wretches  
will

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will stoppe holes in the white Lion, to the setting vp of Bayliffes and Shouder-clappers.

But when the Sunne enters into Virgo, take heed Maydes that you haue no Daughters, I feare mee there will bee but a fewe Virgins in the white-friers, for I finde by strange Art, that in such like places this peere Mayden-heads will bee cheaper than Makarilles, at their first comming in especially: This Signe also is a threatned Threatner of you young wanton wenches in the Patrone, that euer and anon cry, what doe you lacke Gentlemen, what is't you buy, see a fine Shirt: fie, Maydens should not name such a word me thinks, without a crimson blush at least, because that linnen word is alwaies within an inch of Immodestie.

From thence the Sunne takes a running leape into Libra, and then looke well to the Grocer least hee turne the Scales with a false finger, haue an eye to the Chaundlers waytes, you good Houswives, that buy your soape and salt Butter by the pound, and the halfe

B ;      pound,



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pound, for there is craft now adayes in waighing of Candles, and great policie in the uttering of Puddings.

Next the Sunne takes his Journey into the Ringing Signe Scorpio, and then beware of Brokers, Usurers, and Pettifoggers the Scorpions of a Kingdome, come not in their villaynous ciutches all that Moneth especially, for they will make you pay well for it, more in one Moneth, than you shall bee able to recouer againe a whole Tweluemonth after.

But entring into Sagittarius, it will bee passing good for the Fletchers in Grubstreet, and all the Cavaliero Bowyers, tweluescore Prickes will be in season, and those may shoote at Bun-hill, that are non-suited at Westminster Hall.

After this the Sunne mounts into Capricorne, and then woe bee vnto you that are Horney-madde, and haue thye Acres at Luckolds Hauen, you are well landed then, for one Acre there, is more than euer you will bee able to make away as longe as you liue : This Signe  
raignes



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raignes Ielolie vppon men and women,  
vppon ould frolicke men that haue young  
lute wiues, and vppon ould riuell wo-  
men, that haue young beardedleſſe hus-  
bands, for the ~~two~~ porſon of Ielolie  
ſwelles the boſomes of vncquall Bed-  
fellows, and a peece of a Vnicornes  
Horne can helpe any man but a Cuck-  
hold, whereby that ould moth-eaten  
Prouerbe is verſified, which ſayes, One  
mans meate, is another mans porſon:  
for if he ſhould take it downe, he would  
thinke it would breede more Hornes  
within him: ſuch is the ſtrange proper-  
tie of inuincible Ielouſie, that is ſtron-  
ger than the great Spaniſh Armado in  
Eightie eight.

Next the Sunne enters into Aquarius,  
and then there will bee good dooings  
for water-men, many wanton meetings  
at Brandford, freſh-water Wopages to  
Blacke-wall and Greenwich, reuelling  
and domineering among amiable Lads  
and young wenches ouer the water:  
but that which I finde moſt lamentable  
in this watry Signe Aquarius, and moſt  
to be feared of all theſe that loue valiant

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Licour, is the single-sole disposition of  
Brewers that will put to much Changes  
in their Beere, and I feare mee make it  
hop but of one legge, and that so lame-  
ly too, that a little thing will make it  
hoppe quite into the Changes againe:  
and because Ale-brewers and they are  
Brothers, it is as much to bee doubted  
on the other side, that each Ale-brewer  
will play the Jewe of Malta, and put  
but a little Malt in the Ale: so I hope  
there will bee fewer Red-noses this yere  
than was of a Peere a great while, a-  
mongst the bales Ranke, and as for  
Caucene-whiffers, I doe not thinke  
but the honest vertuous Vintners will  
take an order, and asswage the despe-  
rate and furious humors of their wines,  
with a good sober quantitie of faire  
temperate Water: nor can I much  
blame them, for after the Reckoning  
hath been discharged and all, you should  
haue some cast it vp againe before the  
Vintners face, and thinke themselues  
misreckoned in the Pottle, untill they  
see two Gallons apparently lye vpon  
the floare before their eyes, and then  
they

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they will beleue it, and therefore good  
sober Vintners I will not condemne,  
but rather applaud the watring of your  
wine : for by that honest-profitable po-  
licie, those that are your common wine-  
suckers will surfette and bee sicke tenne  
times, ere they bee drunke once, and so  
much for the Sunnes taking Barge in  
Aquarius.

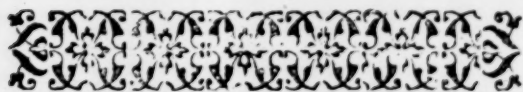
The Twelke and last, is when hee  
turnes golden Angler, and catches Pis-  
ces, and then woe bee vnto you that  
are dissolute full mouth'd Swearers,  
for you will neuer catch Haddockes as  
longe as you breathe, for you shall ne-  
uer heare a true fisher indeede, sweare  
beyond Coddes fish, and no oath at  
all that hath any flesh in it : In this  
last and sinnye Signe Pisces, there will  
bee odde dooings in ould fish-streets,  
Lobsters will bee no meate for Lob-  
cockes, as long as they passe for two  
Shillinges apiece, Harpes will bee  
no fish for Harlots, nor Soles for  
Brokers, the one wanting continence  
and the other conscience, marry Gud-  
ginnes will bee your onely Dish for

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Cowntrey

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Country Gentlemen, such as are come to their Landes, before they come to their witte, and are one and Twentie yeare ould in Acres, but scarce seauen in discretion or manners, such as these may fitly dwell at Silbers folly, when they haue made away all their fish Ponds in the Countrey, and this shall suffice for the Sunnes Twelue strides into the Twelue Signes.



NOW FOR GENERAL  
dispositions in all Rancks  
*of people whatsoever, bred by*  
variable, womanish, and vn-  
constant Planets.



The great coniunction of Saturne and Iupiter, changed from the watric Triplicity to the fieric, is to bee noted specially (as our Prognosticators

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notificators would haue it) neuerthelesse  
I hope there will be small hurt done by  
fire this yeere, because faggots, Bil-  
lets, and Char-cole beare such a price,  
that no poore snake is able to purchase  
them, and the most danger for fire lyes  
in their Cottages, because for the most  
part they are lowe, ould, and rotten,  
and as for rich men they could buid vp  
their houses againe: but those which  
most preuent this great and fire Con-  
iunction, are Usurers, and Piggards,  
both which are sure to haue no sparkle  
flying, or lying about their houses, for  
they will haue neuer a cole in their chim-  
neys.

This hotte Coniunction being but  
badly affected, shewes, that those which  
were widowes the last Yeere, will be  
catcht by this yeere, more for wealth  
and spending-money, than for loue and  
honour, they shall haue many gallant sui-  
ters, that will carie all their Lands vpon  
their backs, and yet sweare they haue  
grounds, Backsides, & yards, when they  
haue no more Ground thā the Kings high  
way, no more Backsides than one, and

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no more Ward, than what they haue in their Hose and Doublets, and the Taylor deceiues them of one and a halfe too, to mend the matter, and by that Shift makes the Gallants forswear themselves.

Thus shall rich widdowes bee beguild, if they bee not the crafter, and what their first Husbonds sweate for in honest profitable labours, these their second hotte Louers will sweate out at Dice in Ordinaries, or in French balgs at the Tennis-courte, to the rotting of many fine Cambricke Shirts, and the bandyeng out of taffatic Elbowes: but polliticke-craffie Mercurie euer and anon falling in among the Bunch of Planets, shewes that some London widdowes will bee subtill ynough for Countrey Gentlemen, and cyther bee made lusty Fornters, or else neuer ioyne battayle with them: their profitable wittes I applaude well, and I hope wittie Mercurie will bee good to their mourning Gowes, and not suffer their brittle Sere to repent within lesse than a moneth after their marriage day againe.

And



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And therefore you the Widdowes of rich deceased Marchants, Merchers, and Grocers, whose Husbonds in their life-times haue been large Benefactors to Hospitallies, and Alms-houses, and eleuated many profitable Bucketts in their Parish-churches, with Armes most quaintly painted vpon them, beside Six-pennie Dole at their Funeralls, and the blewe Consort of Hospitall Boyes singing their Dirges: you (I say) their weeping Widdowes, this fearefull coniunction threathens most, for many riotous Spendals got about to enquire for you: and therefore all you that loue your selues better than a fatten Suite, and preferre your carefull States before a white feather, lette my prognosticating skill free you from such buske perfumed Wooders, lette not a newe fashioned prodigall Hat, wast and consume that, which an old fashioned honest Cappe, carpt and car'd for all his life-time before.

Whereouer this daungerous and perillous Coniunction portends many soldaine and furious Tempests, this yeere, One Thousand, six hundred and foure,

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Cauerne-potts shall flye from one end of the Roome to the other, and doe much hurt, if they light vppon mens Pates: Many crackt Crownes shall passe currant thorough Cheape-side by Goldsmith stalles, and yet neuer suspected: Many terrible frayes in Smithfield betweene sergeants and Gentlemen, marrie sergeants will winne the day, and get the Victorie, especially if they bee fire to one, then there is no remedye but the Counter in Woodstrecte must part the fray: there shall bee a dreadfull warre betwene the wife and the husband for Superioritie. in so muche that the good man shall be faine to giue ouer first, cry mum, and let her doe what shee will all the yeere after.

Shrewd Tempests shall arise about Cole-harbour, and many a maide shall be cast away about Westminster: there shall be a Battaille betweene the feure knaues at Cards for Superioritie, and betweene false Dice and true, for antiquitie.

Women that weare longe gownes shall bee glad to take vp their cloathes in the street, when it raynes, although a hundred



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Hundred men stand and looke vppon them, yet they shall blush no more to hold them vp if it be verie dirtie, then men to make water in broad day at the Pissing Conuait if they haue need.

The Bakers, Woodmongers, Butchers, and Brewers, shall fall to a mightie conspiracie this yeare, so that no man shall haue bread, fire, flesh, or drinke without credite or readie monney: Barbers shall be mightily out of worke this yeere, by reason of the French disease, for many shall loose their haire, before they can come to their shops, and so put them quite out of worke: and Beards shall be Commodities hard to be gotten, but more hard to be kept, for many hairees will start out this yeere that will neuer come in againe, but perish and droppe downe by the way: And amongst all other Trades and Occupations, Masons poore soules shall be much troubled with the Stone this yeere, if there chaunce to be any great Buildings, as by my skill I finde no lesse: marrie I doubt Powles will scarce haue a new Steeple this yeere,

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And in that, I thinke I shall bee the truest Prognosticator, that writ Almanackes this twentie Twelue-months: The Gowt, I find, will keepe a feule Racket this yeere, and play at Tennis in a Uriners puit Toe, but his gaping Sonne and Heire shall haue little hope of his Dying, i'le put him in that Comfort, because hee may linger yet aboute Seauen yeeres longer, and his Toe serue out aboute foure Prentiships to the Gowt.

Taylorz shall bee mightily troubled with the Rich, and sowe many false seedes which shall peepe out, before a Moone come about, and hauing a Hell of their owne, being but a bare boord betwene, woe bee to peeces of white Fustian-linings, for they fall in with their heeles vpward, Satten is the cheefest Duell there, and domineeres ouer all inferiour Blackes. What that ould Reueller and braue Courtier, lyes there most tragically dismembred, poore Perpetuano is perpetually damnd, and desperate Rash falls in headlong.

Onely

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Only in this all Taylors are most true,  
They damne false bodies, & giue them their  
(due.

And what a lamentable thing it is on the other side, that so many of our English women should weare French Bodies, and be a scoyne and by-iest to all riotous Nations.

But shal I discouer to the world wondrous euentis indeed, and tell how Huscadine in Vintners Sellers shall indite their Maisters this yeere of Commixtion, and arraigne them at their owne Barre: and how Barliffes and Marshals men shall bee content to arrest any man, if they can catch him.

Booꝛe men ſhall be accounted Knaues without occaſion, and thoſe that flatter leaſt, ſhall ſpeede worſt, and neuer bee woꝛth Three Hundꝛed a yeere, if they ſhould liue vntill Deomes-day: Many ſhall eate vppon other mens Trenchers, and ſurfette vppon other mens Coſts, but ſcarce feede vppon Holland Cheeſe in their owne Chambers.

The Policy will be a verie shrewd  
D                  Disease

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disease this yere, for some shall haue it in their heads, and shake so long till they haue no more wit in their braines then wil. the Bel-ringer : some shall haue a Palsey in their Teeth, in so much that they shall eat more in a weeke, then they wil be able to pay for in a twelue-moneth, Othersome shall be troubled with a Palsey in their hands, and those are your riotous elder Brothers that can keepe nothing fast, but will shake all the monney out of their handes that comes in to them, Videlicet, in Tavernes, Tennis-courts, and Dicing-houses, and lastly some shall haue a Palsey in their feete, and will not bee able to stand to any thinge but shake and reele from the stall into the Channell, your excellent Reele-pots, and so I leaue them full in a puddle.

Some there shall bee which shall haue such a smell in their Nostrils that no feast shall escape them without they haue share in it.

But Consumptions this yere are dangerously threatned, by the fierce copulation of those two surly & ambitious Planets,

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Planets, for some shall bee so consumed in their members, as they shall finde neuer a good Tongue in their heads, some so consumed in conscience, that they will take aboue ffortie in the Hundzed, and more too if they can get it, other some so consumed by inchaſtity, that if the Conſtable ſhould ſearch them, hee ſhould finde about them verie little honeſtie.

Thoſe that ſinge Baſes this yeere ſhall loue to take their licour ſcantly, and Trumpeters that ſound Trebles ſhall ſtare by cuſtome.

There ſhall be many fortune-tellers, that ſhall ſhut a knaue in a Circle, and looking about for a Duell finde him lockt in their boſomes.

Many ſtraunge euents ſhall happen and befall this yeere in thoſe houſes where Virgo is predominant with a maſter, but wants a Miſtriſſe to locke narrowly vnto her, for the influence of the Grocers ſhops being eleuated within a few ſweet degrees preſagerh that ſome ſhameleſſe Drabbes ſhall bee ſtill gadding about the ſtreetes for ſigges, al-

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monds, and Confects, and that without regarde of cyther Witte or Honestic.

Great Mistes and Fogges will arise and fall this yeare, so that some shall not see but to take their Neighbours bed for their owne, and if Watchcandles could tell tales, they would make you laugh, though your wives went to burping.

Many men shall be so venterously disposed, that they shall go into Brothel-houses, and yet come out againe as honestly, as when they went first in.

Bakers shall thrive by two thinges this yeare, skozes well payed, and Millers that are honest, which are as rare to bee founde now a dayes, as blacke Swannes, and white Ravens. Long bearded men shall not bee the wisest: nor the most grauest in lookes, the most holy in life.

The Haberdashers by the naturall operation of this coniunction, are very fortunate. For olde Hats new trunde shall not last long, and new Hats for the most part shall haue olde trümmung: and so by  
this

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this meanes forsting Iohn shall thztue  
better by his knauerie, then any plaine  
Dealing Iohn about London by the Ca-  
lent of his honestie: and so I end, wishing  
all the felts in his shop no more wicked-  
der Blocke then his owne Pate, and  
then I am sure they will be so farre from  
good fashion, that no honest man in Eng-  
land woulde bee hyed to weare them:  
and so farewell Iohn, tis good lucke  
sometimes they say, to end  
with a &c.

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